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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/991, 113
Filing Date	December 16, 1997
First Named Inventor	Algirdas A. Underys
Group A1 Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Wysomierski
Attorney Docket Number	183-U.S.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
 Deposit Account No. _____
 i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ 395.00 enclosed
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Serial No.:	08/991,113)	Group 1742
Filing Date:	December 16, 1997)	Examiner Wyszomierski
Title:	Heat Treatment Method and Apparatus)	

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LETTER ACCOMPANYING
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We transmit herewith form PTO/SB/30 (08-00) filled out to reflect a request for continued examination of application serial number 08/951,11, together with a 37 CFR §1.114 Submission.

Also enclosed is a check for \$395.00 - for filing fee, small entity.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that an Amendment (which is a duplicate of the 114 Submission submitted herewith) and a Letter Transmitting A Balance Of 37 CFR 1.20(d) Fee were filed on or about February 4 in the application as it pended at